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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 01/03/04 12:00 PM
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 01/02/04 3:13 PM
NATURE OF CALL: SEARCH AND RESCUE
LOCATION OF CALL: SUGAR BOWL SKI RESORT
CASE NUMBER: SO-04-124

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department received a missing persons report on Friday, January 2, 2004 at about 3:13 p.m. Nick Panofsky, 20, and Josie McKee, 17, visitors from Santa Cruz County, California, had become lost after skiing off the backside of Mt. Lincoln at the Sugar Bowl – Mt. Judah Lodge ski area. This ski area is located near Donner Summit in Placer County, California.

Ski patrollers first saw tracks leading out of the ski area around noon, but were unable to follow them due to storm conditions. Patrollers called the Sheriff's Department to report the two missing skiers. A Search and Rescue operation was immediately started, which included members of the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue and Placer County Sheriff's Department Communications volunteers.

Voice contact was made with the missing persons at about 4:15 pm; they were physically located at about 10:45 pm. Both were uninjured, but very cold. Rescuers successfully brought them out to the lodge at 12:30 am and the incident was concluded by 1:00 am.

RELEASED BY: Lt. Jeffrey A. Granum, North Tahoe Station

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